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TO: **MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**
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1. Fee Transmittal Form (original and duplicate)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application.

6. Application Data Sheet

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

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b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. CD-ROM or CD-R (two copies); or

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Assignment and Assignment Recordation Form Submitted Herewith

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10. 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 and References

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13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard

15. Priority is Claimed as Follows:

This application is a continuation of US Application No. 09/692,894 filed October 20, 2000, which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/IB99/00794 filed April 30, 1999, which claims priority to French Application 98 05 558 filed April 30, 1998.

Claim Benefit of the Following U.S. Provisional Application No(s).:

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17. Other: _____

18. Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part of Prior Application No.: 09/692,894 filed October 20, 2000

Prior application information: Examiner David Owen Reip Group Art Unit 3731

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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application papers.

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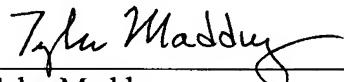
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